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Many say smiling MBTA workers are hard to come by ◆ Agency is training workers to prevent rudeness from ruining your commute {page 02}

▶ MBTA employee Lu Ann Radcliffe was all smiles on the job at South Station this week, but many T riders complain that other members of the staff are rude and unhelpful.

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In the news

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A Boston woman said she plans to walk 460 miles at the end of the month -- all the way to Washington, D.C. -- to personally hand political leaders a letter about "human suffering."

Kristen Hoye said she will depart from Parkman Bandstand on the morning of Aug. 29.

Hoye asks in the letter, which was posted yesterday on the State House News Service, "Why is the suffering of others, so that we may live as we do, systemic?" and writes,"I am afraid for the future, I am afraid for my future children.". METRO

Today's local tweet

"listening to bruce sound check from my window. #ilovefenway #springsteen"

@KATIE_KENNEDY GOT A PREVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN CONCERT IN FENWAY PARK.

A little niceness goes a long way

Some riders think MBTA workers could be a little friendlier ◗ T trains workers to rise above frustration

The perfect morning commute probably goes something like this: You grab your coffee and your copy of Metro and settle into a seat on a freshly air-conditioned bus. But one surefire way to take the glee out of your T experience is catching shade from a rude employee.

Thanks to the magic of technology, it is easy to see that many riders are not impressed with transit employees, with tweet after tweet chronicling rude drivers and unhelpful agents.

However, MBTA officials say that the agency has stepped up efforts to improve relations between employees and riders by offering more training and rewards.

"You're always going to have customer conflict, but we try to teach them to deal with it," said Charlie Murphy, the MBTA superintendent of subway training. Part of the training, he said, teaches them how to "unhook themselves" from personal retaliation.

"They're not attacking you personally; they're attacking the [transit] system," Murphy said.

While T worker conduct varies across the board, some bad behavior can sometimes extend beyond the typical catty eye roll.

Last month, @NealEtre tweeted the MBTA, saying, "My wife yelled at by red line employee for walking past him on escalator. Then he called her b— outside."

The agency responded with an apology and said "that should never happen."

"We handle each comment differently. If someone tweets in, we really watch the trends closely," MBTA spokesman Joshua Robin said. "People are surprised, but we actually check each and every one of those."

T rider Adam Kelly said he knows first hand how tough it can be trying to please people all day, so he is not at all miffed with transit employees if they are not always beaming rays of sunshine.

"They've always been friendly enough. Nothing out of the ordinary. I feel like people are just grumpy. ... And they're too nitpicky about everything. [The workers] are just doing their jobs, and they have to deal with people all day. That sucks."

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How Can I Help You Today?

- MBTA employees are required to take a 8-hour course called "How Can I Help You Today?" to train them how to diffuse rough situations with riders and treat them with respect.
- More than 1,000 of the employees trained over the last two years.
- The training is emphasized to front-line staff, like bus drivers, who constantly deal with customers.

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▶ Lu Ann Radcliffe is one of the few, some say, with a smile.

Tweet it up!

MBTA officials say they read every tweet — so if someone is rude, send a tweet to @MBTAgm. Here is what's been said on Twitter lately:

- "@mbta bus just pulled away as a poor guy was running to catch it In Davis Sq - way to go #Boston #rude #typical hate the bus drivers here" — @alyssajh7
- "My Charlie Card apparently expires & the bus driver had no clue on how to fix it but plenty o attitude on why it's my fault #mbta #mbtafail" — @Karlsie
- "The MBTA rep in Kendall Square is a very rude person. #MBTA" — @bioteksrini
- "@mbtaGM has by far the most unpleasant group of employees I have ever encountered. Ruined Mornings brought to you by @MassDOT" — @juliangreene

See. Food

▶ Celebrity chef Ming Tsai gives Myrtle her meal.

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Serving up turtle treats

Local chef and cooking celebrity Ming Tsai fed a salad snack yesterday to the New England Aquarium's most famous resident, Myrtle the Turtle. Myrtle, an 80-year-old, 560-pound green sea turtle and Tsai helped preview an event next month to kick off a renovation campaign. The Aquarium's Giant Ocean Tank will undergo a 10-month renovation starting next month. METRO

News in brief

Firm: Hub rental cost spikes

BOSTON. Average monthly rent in the Hub has spiked in the past year, jumping about 7 percent, according to a real estate data company.

Data compiled by Somerville-based Rental Beast showed that average monthly rent in Boston reached $1,881, according to the Globe. A two-bedroom in Jamaica Plain averages $1,536 per month.

The firm also said that apartment vacancies have dropped to about 3 percent from about 4 percent a year ago, making it more difficult to find available apartments. METRO

Waltham goes to the parrot

WALTHAM ANIMAL CONTROL

▶ Is your parrot MIA?

WALTHAM. Waltham is apparently going to the birds.

The town's animal control officer is trying to reunite a wayward parrot and its owner after the parrot landed on a police officer.

The bird was heard, but not spotted, from a tree on Columbus Avenue Sunday afternoon.

The bird then flew through the window of the police cruiser and landed on the officer's shoulder, according to WBZ.

Waltham authorities said they now have the bird "in custody" and are asking for the owner to call them at 781-314-3596. METRO

Woman blames GPS for driving on trolley tracks

BROOKLINE. A South Attleboro woman drove her car onto the inbound Green Line trolley tracks around 1 a.m. Monday after she apparently misunderstood the instructions of her GPS, police said.

Natalie Thibeault, 22, told police that while driving down Beacon Street, the GPS told her to take a left onto the tracks and she got stuck near Beacon and Harvard streets.

Police said there were no injuries and no track damages, but Thibeault was cited. METRO

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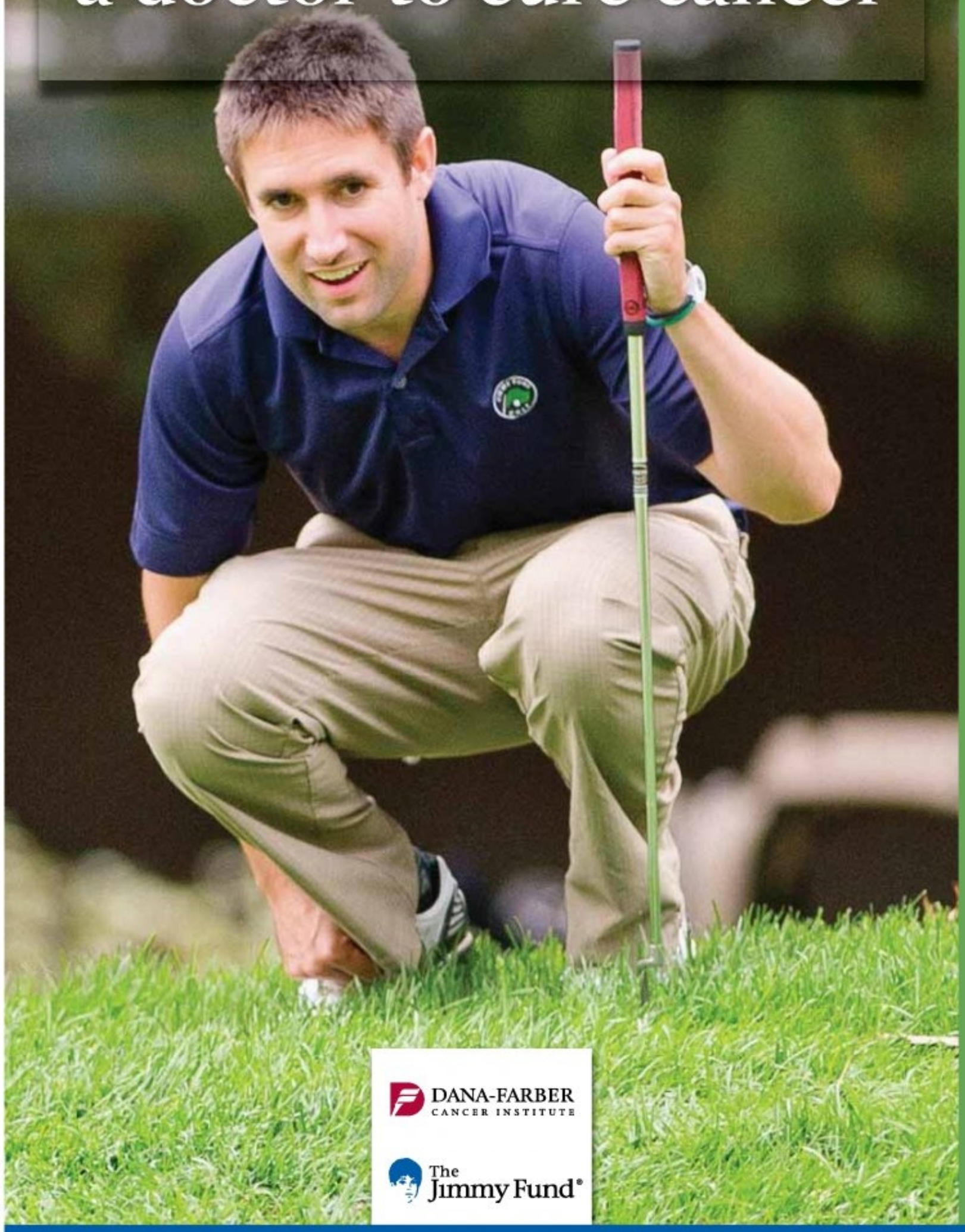

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On the road

Truck hits signs in Tip O'Neill Tunnel

An over-height truck slammed into two electronic signs on I-93 Northbound in the Tip O'Neill Tunnel just before 10 a.m. yesterday, prompting a search for the driver, according to MassDOT.

The driver allegedly struck two "Lane Use Signals" inside the tunnel. Drivers may recognize them as the signs that show green arrows or a red "x" to steer traffic to or from certain lanes. "MassDOT is working in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police to identify the over-height vehicle. The investigation includes the review of video from the tunnel," MassDOT spokesman Michael Verseckes said. METRO/MR

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▶ The Tip O'Neill Tunnel was reopened to traffic by 11 a.m. yesterday after an over-height truck took down two signs.

Police identify women fatally shot in vehicle

One victim tweeted about wanting to nap instead of going out the night she was shot ◐ Hunt for gunman continues ◐ Tips pour in

One of the women who was fatally shot while sitting inside a car Sunday night tweeted about wanting to stay home instead of going out.

Police yesterday identified the women as Genevieve Philip, of Milton, Kirsten Lartey, of Hyde Park, and Sharrice Perkins of Dorchester. They were all 22 years old. A fourth woman was also shot, but her injuries were not life-threatening.

Just hours before she was gunned down, Perkins tweeted that she wanted to "go home and take a nap and make peach cobbler." Her friends, she said, wanted her to get dressed and go out drinking.

The women were sitting in a car on Harlem Street on the border of Dorchester and Mattapan when they were gunned down. Police have said the shooting did not appear random.

4 The number of women shot — three fatally — Sunday night on Harlem Street.

Police were continuing their investigation yesterday and were still searching for a white SUV with a black roof and distinctive fog lights seen on surveillance cameras leaving the area at the time of the shooting.

Mayor Thomas Menino told reporters yesterday that police were getting many tips, according to WBZ.

Police were also continuing their search for the person who fatally shot 34-year-old Jemald Allen in Roslindale early Sunday. He and three other people were shot about 3 a.m. Sunday.

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In the news

Commuter train derails in Belmont

A commuter train carrying 35 passengers derailed about a quarter mile past the Belmont Center station around 9 a.m. yesterday.

MBTA Transit Police said the passengers were removed from the train and boarded an MBTA bus.

The train was heading outbound to South Acton when it happened, and had left North Station at 8:12 a.m., transit police said.

While the cause was not clear last night, transit police said there was "nothing suspicious" about the incident.

"The train derailed at a very low rate of speed when four wheels on the first coach behind the locomotive slipped of the track just past the Belmont Center commuter rail stop," said Tom Halkin, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail.

Halkin said crews are looking at the track and undercarriage of the train as possible causes. METRO/MR

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Gov Christie to headline GOP

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▶ Chris Christie had been mentioned as a possible vice presidential pick.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie will deliver keynote address when Republicans gather this month for their national convention before the November presidential election, the party said yesterday

Christie, a colorful speaker popular among fiscal conservatives in his party, had considered a U.S. presidential run himself before endorsing Mitt Romney, who will become the official Republican presidential nominee at the gathering.

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio will introduce Romney at the convention, a Republican official also said. Rubio's home state of Florida — a battleground contest in November — will host the convention Aug. 27 to Aug. 30 in Tampa.

"As governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie has proven how bold Republican leadership gets results," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said in a statement.

"We have an opportunity in Tampa to make clear that if we tell each other the hard truths, tackle the big problems and make bold choices, we will see America's comeback," he said.

Christie has been a rising national figure in the Republican Party and has received praise for tax cuts, trimming the budget and other measures in his mid-Atlantic state.

The governor will argue for shared sacrifice to address the country's problems, according to USA Today.

"I'll try to tell some very direct and hard truths to people in the country about the trouble that we're in and the fact that fixing those problems is not going to be easy for any of them," he told the newspaper on Monday.

Obama senior campaign adviser David Axelrod said Christie, with his lacerating wit, will be an entertaining speaker. REUTERS

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"As governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie has proven how bold Republican leadership gets results."
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CHRIS CHRISTIE TOLD USA TODAY

Ryan 'bounce' yet to arrive

Mitt Romney received no immediate boost to his White House bid by naming U.S. Representative Paul Ryan as his running mate, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released yesterday.

Some 51 percent of those surveyed said the decision did not change their opinion of Romney, a former private-equity executive and Massachusetts governor who will face President Barack Obama in the Nov. 6 election.

Another 26 percent in the online poll said they viewed Romney more favorably after he added the 42-year-old Wisconsin congressman to the ticket. REUTERS

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Election

Weight of a campaign: Surveying the fit and unfit to lead

U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan is many things to many people: darling to the conservative cause, Congress' fiscal whiz kid and would-be destroyer of America's social safety net to liberals everywhere.

But muscle-toned hulk of Washington, D.C.? Have you seen those guns? (And we're not talking about the bullet-shooting types.)

Popular gossip sites like Gawker and TMZ have already ballyhooed his physique, but it's far from over. Consider one TMZ producer's demand during Monday's television broadcast in a segment about Ryan: "We need a shot of his abs!"

He's not the first hot vice presidential candidate — see: Sarah Palin, 2008 — but he might just be the most jacked. Metro took a look back at the history of Veep figures.

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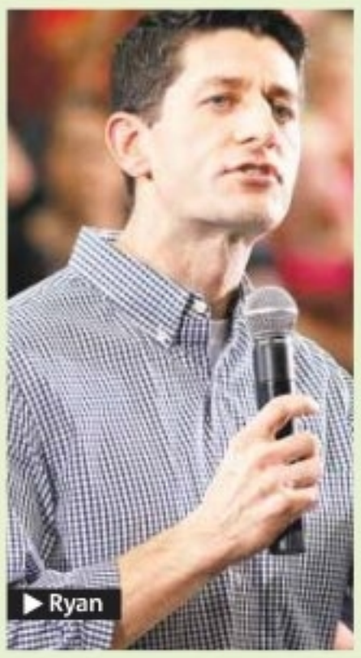
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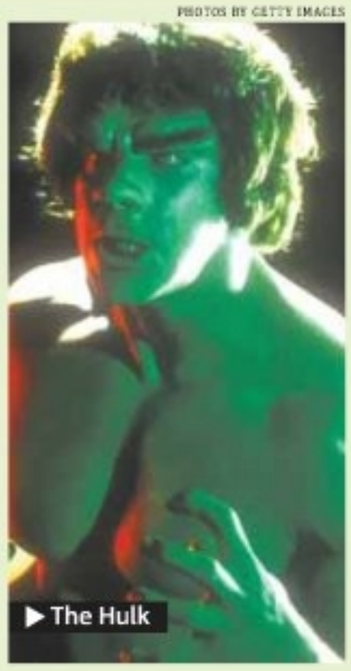
▶ The Hulk

Sizing them up

Paul Ryan

- **Height:** 6-foot-1
- **Weight:** 163 pounds
- **Workout regimen:** Tony Horton's "P90X" fitness program and the "Insanity" workout.
- **Detail:** A policy wonk who loves crunching macroeconomic numbers, he also has 6-to-8 percent body fat.

John Adams

- **Height:** 5 feet 7 inches
- **Weight:** Unknown, but his nickname among Founding Fathers was "His Rotundity" both for his girth and love of power.
- **Workout regimen:** He liked to walk far distances.
- **Detail:** We've been taught to believe (i.e., watched on HBO) that our country's first vice president looked like Paul Giamatti and wore one of those British whigs.

Chester Arthur

- **Height:** 6-foot-2
- **Body mass index:** 28.7 (30 or more is obese)
- **Workout regimen:** Taking trips to Florida and Yellowstone National Park to refresh the spirit.
- **Detail:** He successfully hid a disease upon taking office, but the man who served as the nation's 20th vice president and eventually the 21st president weighs in as our sixth-fattest commander-in-chief ever.

Jack Kemp

- **Height:** 6-foot-1
- **Weight:** 201 pounds
- **Workout regimen:** Playing professional football for 10 years as starting quarterback with four NFL teams.
- **Detail:** Kemp was larger than most politicians when he became a household name as Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole's veep pick, but it was because he was a one-time world-class athlete.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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Hey, auto industry! Why not develop a car that runs purely on my need for approval?

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Aniston will expand her wedding guest list

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▶ Say hello to Jen and Justin, who we are obligated to stalk for the next couple months.

Although he's been engaged to **Jennifer Aniston** for less than a week, **Justin Theroux** is already proving to be quite the family man. After years of estrangement, he's convinced Aniston to add her mother, **Nancy Dow**, to the wedding guest list.

"Justin comes from a tight-knit family [that] he is very close to. He preaches family values to Jennifer and he said to her he'd love a private, low-key ceremony with all their family members present," a source tells RadarOnline.

Aniston didn't invite Dow to her wedding to **Brad Pitt** in 2000 — which was only one year after Dow released an unwelcome book about her daughter — but the actress has since softened her stance. "She agreed, said she'd forgiven her mom for her past discrepancies, and that Nancy should be a guest at her second wedding," the source tells Radar.

Is it a nice gesture? We guess. But this is like getting left out of the beach trip, then invited to the sandy drive home.

Bam Margera still being Bam Margera

Employees at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport refused to let **Bam Margera** board his plane Sunday afternoon because he smelled of booze and was combative, reports TMZ. The former "Jackass" star was eventually handcuffed and detained, but he denies being drunk. Instead, he's offered TMZ an explanation that only Bam Margera would consider an explanation: The hangover smell was "left over" from the day before, and the "loud and obnoxious" behavior was simply business as usual.

Talking points

Forbes not waiting for the press release

While the world waits for word on the status of **Robert Pattinson** and **Kristen Stewart**'s relationship, the folks at Forbes magazine seem to have drawn their own conclusions. When the magazine released its Highest Paid Celebrity Couples list last week, it left off Pattinson and Stewart, who ranked fifth last year. "Stewart and Pattinson were, in fact, left off the list because they are broken up," a rep tells the Huffington Post.

No love at first sight

Though usually averse to discussing her marriage to **Daniel Craig**, **Rachel Weisz** lets a few personal questions into her interview in the new issue of the U.K. edition of Marie Claire. "It wasn't really like that," Weisz insists when asked if it was love at first sight with Craig. "We'd been friends for ages." She's even more forthcoming on the subject of being a working wife and mother. "Like any job, there are days when you're just pulling your hair out. The same as anyone who wants to be with their kid or husband."

Stallone on family's 'horrible situation'

In an interview with "Good Morning America," **Sylvester Stallone** opened up for the first time about the recent death of his son, **Sage Stallone**. "It's tough. It's very very tough," Stallone says. "It's a horrible situation but, time, hopefully, will heal — and you try to get through it."

▶ Stallone

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Red carpet people watching

1. "The Expendables 2" stars clean up pretty nice: From left they're, **Jean-Claude Van Damme, Jason Statham, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Dolph Lundgren** and **Scott Adkins.**

2. Chloe Sevigny stepped out at the "Lawless" screening in New York on Monday.

3. How much crazy can you pack into one photo? **Lindsay Lohan** surfaced at **will.i.am**'s album wrap party on Monday night.

4. Usain Bolt is one of the few people who aren't in "The Expendables 2." The Olympic gold medalist was, however, at the film's U.K. premiere.

5. Robert Pattinson has had a rough couple of weeks, but you couldn't tell at the premiere of his latest film, "Cosmopolis," on Monday night. (**Kristen Stewart** was reportedly banned from the event.)

6. Miss USA 2012 **Olivia Culpo** was one of the many ladies who happened to bring her A-game to the "Cosmopolis" red carpet.

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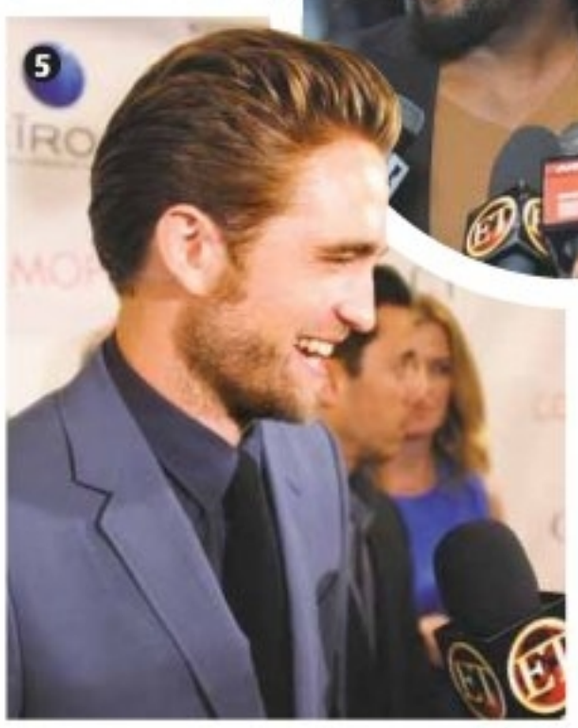

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The softer side of Joel Edgerton

The 'Warrior' star shows off his sensitive side — and updates us on his upcoming film, 'The Great Gatsby'

▶ Jennifer Garner and Joel Edgerton star in "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" with newcomer CJ Adams.

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Joel Edgerton is a bit preoccupied with his tan fedora, taking it on and off as we start our interview. "It was a gift from someone from down in Venice," the Australian actor says, adding that he would consider himself a "hat person" if it weren't for one pesky detail: "I've got a massive head, so it's hard to find them. I think this is the Indiana Jones in me trying to get out," he offers with a laugh. Edgerton is in town to talk about his latest film, "The Odd Life of Timothy Green," but that's not all he's got coming up.

American audiences are still getting familiar with you, but even so, this is a different kind of role for you. How has it been presenting that?

It's almost easier, in a way. Playing a role like Jim is kind of almost closer to me than "Warrior" is. You either have the same experiences, family-wise, that your character does, or you have to alter them in some way or invent them. ... It's easier to kind of lean on those things like violence and aggression as male emotions, but it's more interesting to look for the softer elements, you know?

This seemed a lot like a Frank Capra-style character to me.

A lot of the times as an actor, you wonder if you fit into that everyman category and those characters that we hope the best for. It's hard for me to talk about myself like that, but I can definitely see that in [co-star] Jennifer [Garner]. ... I relate to her ordinariness.

You've described the 3-D in your upcoming film, the reboot of "The Great Gatsby," as "gentle." Can you elaborate on that?

They have the ability to alter how much like a pop-up book it really looks. I remember [director] Baz [Luhrmann] showed 15 minutes of an overview of the movie, and I forgot that I was wearing the glasses.

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Bret Michaels: How I stay healthy

Let the rocker talk dirty to you about his diabetic lifestyle and his postsurgical return to exercise

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▶ Michaels plays with Def Leppard, Lita Ford and, of course, the boys of Poison this Saturday at the Comcast Center. Visit www.ticketmaster.com for details.

Bret Michaels knows a thing or two about fitness, but he's learned the hard way. The Poison singer and "Rock of Love" and "Life As I Know It" star is a lifelong diabetic who recently recovered from both brain and heart surgery. Michaels turns 50 next March, and despite a bump in his personal life (he just split from his fiancee, with whom he has two daughters), he's busy completing summer tours, playing solo shows and teaming up with Poison again. The rocker, who made VH1's upcoming 100 Sexiest Artists list, shares his fitness insight with us.

On the road or off, the diet is on

"Being a diabetic since I was a kid, I've learned to watch what I eat," he says. "The first thing I do every morning is check my blood sugar levels. Then I'll have breakfast — usually an egg white omelet, stuff I like to eat. Nothing too elaborate. It's usually the same routine, but I don't deny myself. These days, there's so much choice when you're traveling that it's easy to stick to a healthy diet."

Keeping up his stamina for a busy career

"I love to eat, I love food. But being a diabetic, I have to watch my carb intake," Michaels says. "I grew up in an environment where you ate three big meals a day. But as a diabetic, I had to break those into smaller meals out of necessity. But it's a healthier way to eat."

His postop recovery and returning to exercise

"I was in the hospital for a month recovering, but I started thinking, 'I have to do something, I can't just wait,'" he says. "I started slowly and built back from there. I work out every day. I mountain bike, I run. It's not about how I look, though — it's all about making me feel good so that I want to go out there and perform."

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Every rose has its abs

Michaels launches a line of resistance bands, "Rock Bands," in time for Christmas:

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Today in medicine

Heavier women comforting to stressed men

Study subjects: Eighty-one heterosexual, white men ages 18 to 42.
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A recent study found published in the online journal PLOS ONE found that men in the test group with more stress rated women with normal to high body mass indexes as more attractive than slimmer or thin women.
Significance: Whether this has any real implication beyond what's already known — i.e., men are attracted to women who appear fertile — isn't known.

She might be his perfect match.

Alcohol and hormone therapy a risky cocktail

Study subjects: 40,000 postmenopausal women
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A study by the Cancer Prevention Institute of California found that women using hormone therapy who also consumed a moderate amount of alcohol had an increased risk of breast cancer. The members of the group who stopped using hormone therapy, but continued to have a moderate alcohol consumption, saw a drop in their risk. Women using hormone therapy who consumed two or more drinks per day approximately doubled their risk over those who used hormone therapy alone.
Significance: The research provides more insight into the link between alcohol and breast cancer.

US approves wider Truvada use

Study subjects: Various data
Location of study: U.S.
Results: Truvada, which has been restrictively used to treat AIDS patients since 2004, has now been approved by the FDA as a preventive measure for all high-risk groups, including straight sexually active adults. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says straight people make up more than a quarter of new HIV cases each year.
Significance: Expanding prescribing protocol could help stem the disease.

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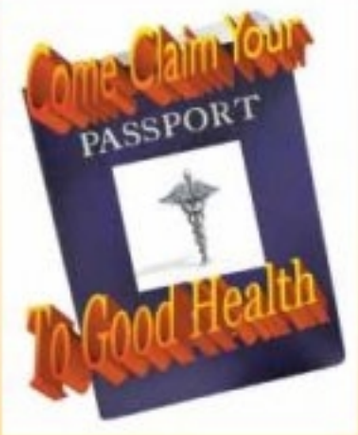

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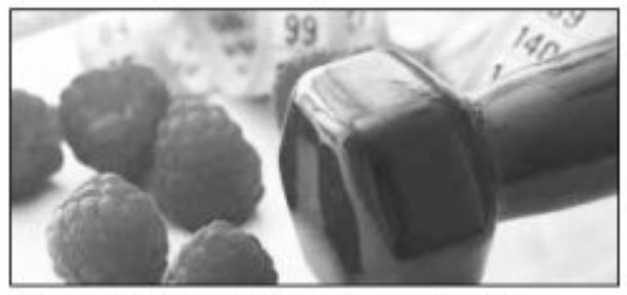
Urgent Health News

Experts surprised to discover fat burning effect in Raspberry Ketones

(Canoga Park, CA) In recent scientific studies, researchers have found that raspberry ketones affect the metabolism by increasing the release of two hormones, norepinephrine and adiponectin. Norepinephrine causes the body's temperature to rise which burns more fat. Adiponectin has *direct control* over your metabolism. When there are high levels of adiponectin, the cells are consistently *releasing* rather than *storing* fat. Simply put, thinner people have larger amounts while obese people have significantly lower levels.



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Americans need to jump off the wagon

Gov. Romney is the only man who can stop this country from going off a fiscal cliff. We will pale in comparison to what is happening in Greece. The U.S. can not handle four more years as an entitlement nation. We have too many people riding the wagon and not enough people pulling it. Please wake up. Your future and your children's depends on it.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

No wake-up alarm needed, thanks

RE: "THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPINIONS AND BABY BIRDS" (METRO, AUG. 14) I find it strange that Mr. Brittle's unique "opinion" seems to be the same opinion held by the majority of left-wing lunatics. Any opinion that conflicts with their delusional worldview is somehow wrongheaded and false. They attribute to FOX some supernatural ability to brainwash the masses, but not themselves. They are the last of the ever-shrinking pool of sane people in the world. Only they possess the mental ability to govern the foolish and mentally defective herd. Mr. Brittle's comments demonstrate the contempt leftists have for the majority of their countrymen and the insanity of their ideology.

J.D. TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL

Untruthful? Let me count the ways

RE: "BIGGER ISSUES NO EXCUSE FOR HIDING" (METRO, AUG. 14) Before we go naming the ways that Romney is not being truthful, I think David Dibello should tally up some of the things Obama has kept hidden, since he is, after all, our president for at least a few more months. There's the supercilious executive privilege over what really happened with Fast and Furious. There's the surreptitious signing of the NDAA on New Year's Eve. And lastly, will his buddy John Corzine ever get his comeuppance for "misplacing" billions and then perjuring himself in front of Congress? I am highly dubious, to say the least.

HANS HAUGEN, VIA E-MAIL

Obama's cap has got more feathers

RE: "THERE'S ALWAYS THE ROAD LESS TAKEN" (METRO, AUG. 14) Obama's policies are not making matters worse. In one year of his presidency, he created more jobs than Bush did in his eight years in office.

He killed Osama, after Bush vowed swift revenge, and ended the war in Iraq. I would continue, but that is already more than Bush accomplished. It is unequivocally the obstructionist members of Congress that impede Obama's progress.

STEVEN DOURDIS, VIA E-MAIL

Caption contains sin of omission

RE: "THREE DEAD IN SHOOTING NEAR TEXAS A&M" (METRO, AUG. 14) The caption says, "Shooting comes less than four weeks after a man opened fire in a crowded Colorado movie theater." Conspicuous in its omission was the Sikh temple shooting in Wisconsin that happened less than two weeks ago. What are Sikhs (and other minorities)? Chopped liver?

NICK KARTER, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** In certain situations where you are required to exercise authority over others, make your wishes known in as pleasant a manner as possible in order to get your way.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Things in general should work out rather well due to your shrewd use of your assets and abilities. What your logic overlooks, your instincts will take care of.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Perhaps one of your greatest gifts is your ability to get along with people from all walks of life. This splendid quality is likely to be in big effect currently.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Try to focus your efforts on meaningful objectives while you're in such a good achievement cycle. Don't waste your time on matters of little significance.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It behooves you to treat developments philosophically, regardless of whether they are beneficial or harmful. A good attitude keeps things in perspective.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** An investment does not have to produce a huge profit in order to be classified as a success. Be alert for all kinds of opportunities, both big and small.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Should a difficult decision vie for your attention, face up to it courageously. Being wishy-washy is the worst thing you can do, and it would more than likely lead to your defeat.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Instead of just doing what is expected of you, go for broke and produce as much as you can. Your industriousness will not go unnoticed or unrewarded.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Anything you can handle yourself should not be pawned off onto someone else. You're on a roll, but others may not be. So do the chores yourself, and everyone will end up happy.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be the one who moves forward on a deal, even if those with whom you're involved don't want to come on board. Conditions favor finalizing matters to your satisfaction.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even if you have to put your salesmanship skills to the test, it shouldn't be too hard for you to come away with what you want, regardless of how tough your prospect is.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Small details could actually be of far greater significance than the larger issues. Fortunately for you, these critical factors aren't likely to escape your attention.

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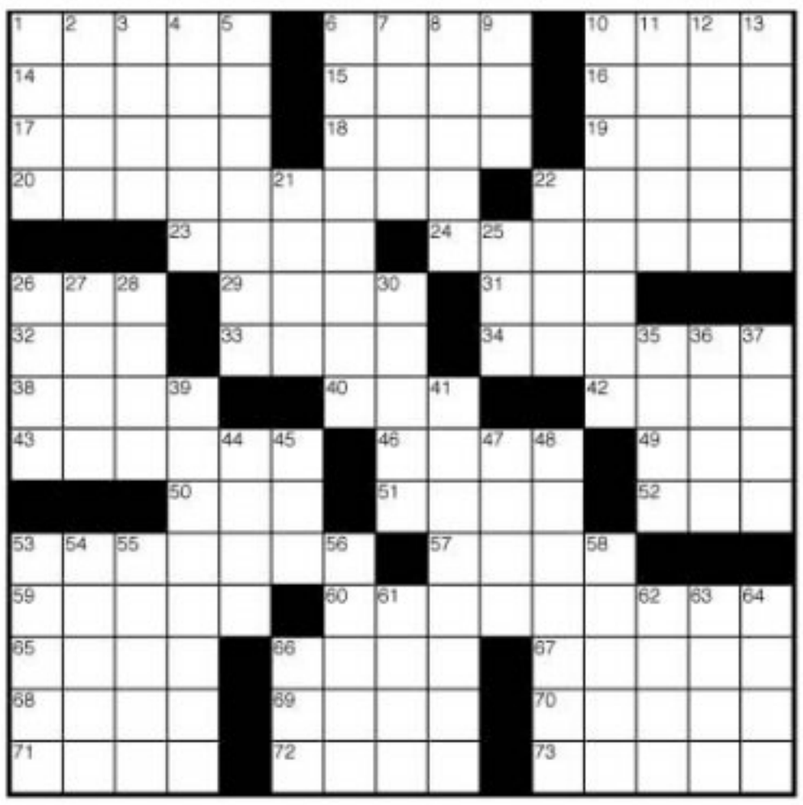

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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In the news

Honoring Pesky
The Red Sox wore black armbands last night in Baltimore to honor the late Johnny Pesky. The Sox return to Fenway Park on Aug. 21 for the first time since Pesky's death to face the Angels. There will be a moment of silence in his honor before the game.

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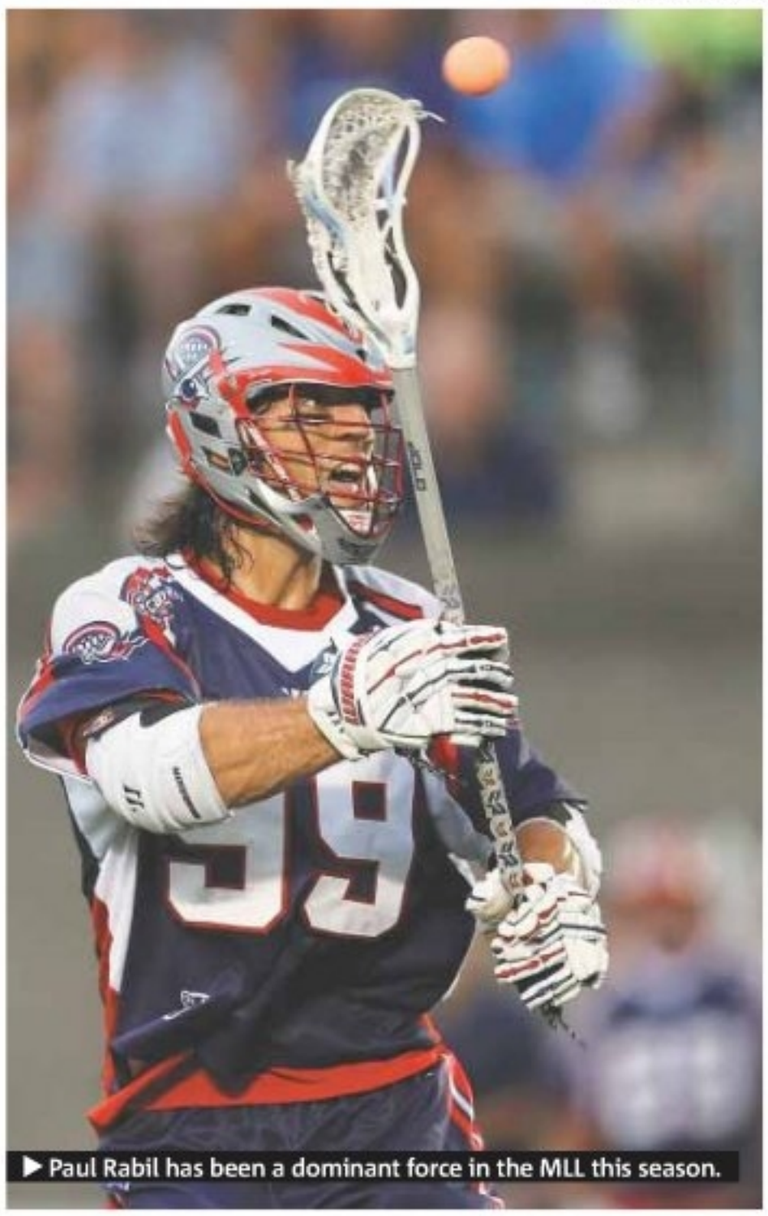

▶ Paul Rabil has been a dominant force in the MLL this season.

Dynasty in the making?

◗ Boston Cannons seeking second MLL championship in as many years ◗ Final Four next week in Allston

After winning the franchise's first Major League Lacrosse championship last August, the Boston Cannons (9-5, third place) put together another fine season, which gives them a special opportunity: They will try to become the second back-to-back champ in league history (the now defunct Philadelphia Barrage in 2006-07) when the playoffs culminate next weekend at Harvard Stadium.

Furthermore, they will try to become the second team (Cannons in 2004 at their old home — BU's Nickerson Field) to host championship weekend (final four) on their home turf and advance to the final.

Ironically, none have ever won a title on their own field (which is predetermined ahead of time).

The Long Island Lizards (8-6) face the Denver Outlaws (11-3) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, followed by the Cannons vs. the Chesapeake Bayhawks (10-4) at 4 p.m. The championship game is Sunday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m.

MLL set an attendance record this season and local lacrosse fans have already made their presence felt over Memorial Day weekend at Gillette Stadium for the NCAA men's lacrosse championships. With the home team still alive, expect some big crowds to make their way to Cambridge.

In terms of prestige, this quartet is definitely the most accomplished of the eight active teams in MLL. Chesapeake won the title in 2010, along with 2002 and 2005, when they played in Baltimore.

Long Island was the champion in 2003 after being the runner-up in 2002. They also finished second in 2010.

Denver is the lone squad to never have won hardware, but they've come close, losing in the 2006, 2008 and 2009 finals.

The Cannons were an offensive juggernaut this season, with three different players leading in the major categories: goals, assists and points. Still known as the MLL's top player, midfielder Paul Rabil set a new MLL scoring record with 72 points (27 goals, 7 2-point goals, 38 assists). Attackman Matt Poskay paced the MLL with 38 goals, while fellow attackman Ryan Boyle had a career-high 39 assists. Midfielder Mike Stone (22 goals, 6 assists), defender Brian Farrell (33 groundballs), goalie Jordan Burke (.536 save percentage), attackman Kevin Buchanan (31 goals, 1 2-point goal, 10 assists) and face-off specialist Chris Eck (67 percent face-off win percentage) were all-stars, along with Rabil, in the MLL All-Star Game on June 30.

That abundance of talent, championship experience and depth all over the field is why you simply cannot bet against the Cannons to get it done at Harvard Stadium, where they went 4-2 during the 2012 regular season.

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Evelyn Lozada files for divorce from 'Ochocinco'

The 41-day marriage between reality TV star Evelyn Lozada and former Patriots wide receiver Chad Johnson looks to be coming to an end. Lozada filed for divorce Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

Lozada also issued a statement that said Johnson "needs help" and that he lied to police when he said that she actually head-butted him in their domestic dispute.

The couple's reality show, "Ev and Ocho" has been canceled by VH1, and Johnson was cut by the Miami Dolphins Sunday.

HBO's "Hard Knocks" is set to broadcast Johnson being cut by the Dolphins on the second show of the season Tuesday night (10 p.m.).

41 days is how long the two have been married. By comparison, Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries were married for an epic 72 days.

Johnson issued a public statement Tuesday:

"I would like to apologize to everyone for the recent events that have occurred. I would like to wish Evelyn well and will never say anything bad about her because I truly love her to death. I will continue to be positive and train hard for another opportunity in the NFL." METRO

Sox news

Bobby V. ripped by own players

Yahoo! Sports reported yesterday that Red Sox players blasted Bobby Valentine to upper management on an off-day on July 27.

The story stated that "(Adrian) Gonzalez and (Dustin) Pedroia were the most vocal in the meeting, in which some players stated flatly they no longer wanted to play for Valentine."

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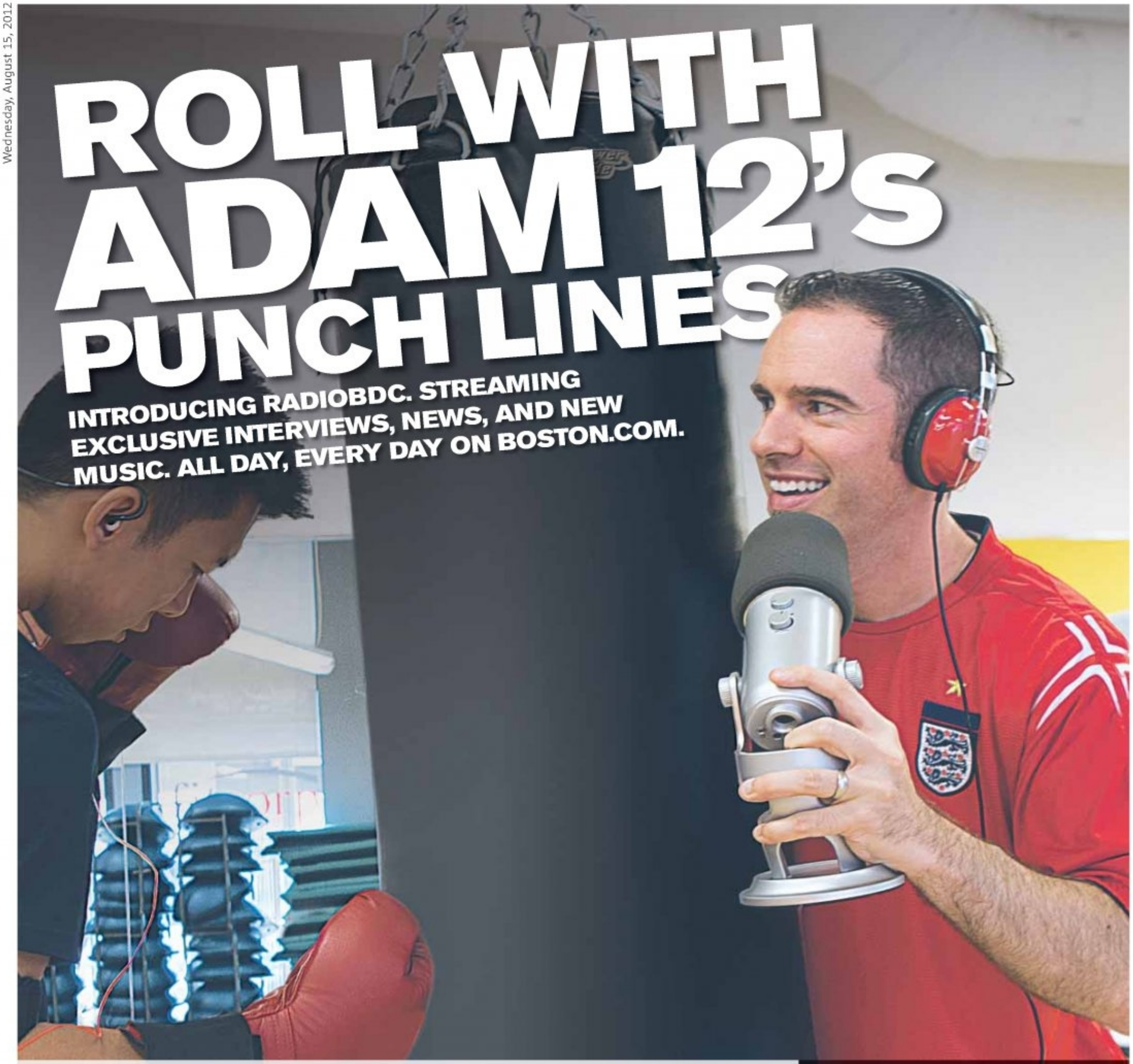

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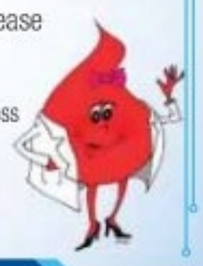

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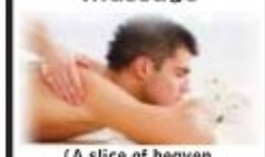

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The real estate market skips summer vacation

- The months that are traditionally the slowest are surprisingly active
- Realtors discuss this strange momentum
- Fall house-hunters beware

Traditionally, the home-buying market dries up as summer rolls on and, by August, there are tumbleweeds blowing over "For Sale" signs — metaphorically speaking, of course. That's mostly due to many people, especially families, who are unwilling to forsake summer holidays for buying — or selling — a home. So, after a healthy rebound in sales this spring, are buyers taking a summer break?

"We do the downtown numbers every Friday," says Kevin J. Ahearn, president of Otis & Ahearn. "What we've seen is that the momentum is holding, so what traditionally might be a lull doesn't seem to be there. [Overall, there's] good momentum for us."

Beth Dickerson of Sotheby's Real Estate on Dartmouth Street agrees: "The summer market has continued to prove strong in the Boston area. Although inventory has slightly thinned out, I have personally experienced a continued momentum with many active buyers," she says.

That could mean a tight situation is looming for people who took a summer break from home-hunting. Those resuming their search in September could face a dearth of options, particularly in the popular parts of Cambridge and downtown Boston where inventory is low.

"Pending deals are very strong, adding further evidence to us that the positive housing trends of late, plus low interest rates, [are] creating very good activity," Ahearn says. "The downtown market has remained steady despite the downturn, and so inventory is always tight. Despite a glut of homes in other areas, after a big rebound this spring properties cleared out."

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If Congress does nothing – which it has been inclined to do (after all, THEIR benefits aren't affected) – they will have to raise your retirement age, cut your benefits, or raise your taxes. Likely, all three.

Is your condo or three-family house a better revenue source than Social Security? Well, you've likely refinanced it to the lowest possible interest rate imaginable. It will be paid in 30 years.

Which do you think will be a better source of future retirement income: what you already own and can rent or social security?

I'm betting on rental income.

So, if there is any way you can keep or acquire future income generating property, it may be a better bet than social security.

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